

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Thirty-six bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2395–2430, S. Res. 255–257, and S. Con. Res. 103.

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Measures Passed:

Minority Party Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 256, making Minority party appointments for the Special Committee on Aging for the 107th Congress.

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Ron de Lugo Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 495, to designate the Federal building located in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, as the “Ron de Lugo Federal Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Donald J. Pease Federal Building: Senate passed H.R. 819, to designate the Federal building located at 143 West Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio, as the “Donald J. Pease Federal Building”, clearing the measure for the President.

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William L. Beatty Federal Building/U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 3093, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 501 Bell Street in Alton, Illinois, as the “William L. Beatty Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, clearing the measure for the President.

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Mike Mansfield Federal Building/U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed H.R. 3282, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 400 North Main Street in Butte, Montana, as the “Mike Mansfield Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, clearing the measure for the President.

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James L. Watson U.S. Courthouse: Senate passed S. 1721, to designate the building located at 1 Federal Plaza in New York, New York, as the “James L. Watson United States Courthouse”, after agreeing to committee amendments.

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National Safe Kids Week: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 102, proclaiming the week of May 4

through May 11, 2002, as “National Safe Kids Week”.

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Children’s Memorial Flag Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 109, designating December 8, 2002, as “National Children’s Memorial Day” and April 26, 2002, as “Children’s Memorial Flag Day”, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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National Occupational Safety and Health Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 245, designating the week of May 5 through May 11, 2002, as “National Occupational Safety and Health Week”.

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Expressing Gratitude to Suzanne D. Pearson: Senate agreed to S. Res. 257, expressing the gratitude of the United States Senate for the service of Suzanne D. Pearson to the Office of Legislative Counsel.

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Andean Trade Preference Expansion Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 1, 2002, with a vote to occur on adoption of the motion to proceed.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 98), Michael M. Baylson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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By unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 99), Cynthia M. Rufe, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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16 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—99)	Pages S3529–30

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 7:12 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 1, 2002.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOMELAND SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Committee held hearings to examine homeland security funding issues and proposed legislation making supplemental appropriations for homeland security and the war on terrorism for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, receiving testimony from Paul H. O'Neill, Secretary of the Treasury; Colin Powell, Secretary of State; and Ann M. Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture.

Hearings continue on Thursday, May 2.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine issues surrounding Alzheimer's disease, including the efforts to increase funding for research and services in order to better understand, treat, and prevent the disease, after receiving testimony from Richard J. Hodes, Director, National Institute of Aging, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; and Marilyn Albert, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, Orien Reid, Laverock, Pennsylvania, David Hyde Pierce, Los Angeles, California, and Carol and Gene Gratz, New Hampton, Iowa, all on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association.

GASOLINES PRICES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings to examine how gasoline prices are set in the United States, focusing on price volatility, mergers and acquisitions, cost of crude oil, and gasoline production and

delivery, receiving testimony from James S. Carter, ExxonMobil Fuels Marketing Company, Fairfax, Virginia; Gary R. Heminger, Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC, Findlay, Ohio; Ross J. Pillari, British Petroleum, Warrenville, Illinois; David C. Reeves, ChevronTexaco Corporation, San Ramon, California; and Rob Routs, Shell Oil Products U.S., Houston, Texas.

Hearings continue on Thursday, May 2.

NOMINATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Elias A. Zerhouni, Maryland, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Mikulski and Sarbanes, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HOSPITAL GROUP PURCHASING

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition, and Business and Consumer Rights held hearings to examine the competitive effects of hospital group purchasing on smaller and competitive medical equipment manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies seeking to sell their devices, equipment, drugs and supplies to hospitals, and the subsequent cost effects passed on to the consumer, receiving testimony from Trisha Barrett, University of California, San Francisco Medical Center, San Francisco; Lynn R. Detlor, GPO Concepts, Inc., and Richard A. Norling, Premier, Inc., both of San Diego, California; Mitchell Goldstein, Citrus Valley Medical Center, West Covina, California; Joe E. Kiani, Masimo Corporation, Irvine, California; Mark McKenna, Novation, Irving, Texas; and Elizabeth A. Weatherman, Warburg Pincus, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Venture Capital Association.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NATIVE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship/Committee on Indian Affairs: Committees concluded joint hearings on S. 2335, to establish the Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, and to create the Native American Small Business Development Program; and H.R. 2538, to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, after receiving testimony from Senator Johnson; Representative Udall; Kaaren Johnson Street, Associate Deputy Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development, Small Business Administration; Gerald Danforth, Oneida